

WILLIAM HUNSPERGER HEARD FROM.

Seven Years in Alberta, N.W.T.—Is Healthy, Happy and Likes the Country Well.

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To the Brown City Banner.

Dear Editor,—I will enclose one dollar for the Banner, which is a welcome paper to us, and I will also let you know that we are all in good health. We have very nice weather now. We had it very cold from the 18th to the 21st; the thermometer was down to 18 degrees below zero, but now we have spring weather, hardly any frost. The crops were good this year. They didn't turn out so much to the acre, but a good sample. We threshed a little over 1,000 bushels from 40 acres; 642 bushels of oats, 110 bushels of wheat, 269 bushels of barley, and five bushels of peas. Now, I will give you the price of grain: Wheat, 55c.; oats, 25c.; barley, 40c. Our oats weighed 42 lbs. to the bushel. Beef, dressed, 5c. to 6c. per lb.; pork, dressed, 6½c. per lb. It may be that some people think that that isn't a very high price, but the cattle weigh more in this country than in the east. I dressed a heifer last fall that weighed 619 lbs., and we have a two-year-old steer now that will dress about 700 lbs. Butter, 25c. per lb.; eggs, 30c. per dozen. This is the Calgary market. Chickens, 12c. per lb.; turkeys, 15c. per lb.; geese, 13c. per lb. We have 10 horses, 35 head of cattle and 8 pigs. We butchered three hogs—one dressed 247 lbs., one 187 lbs., and one 163 lbs. It pays better to feed the wheat to the pigs at 55c. than to sell it. Beef was 4c. per lb. last spring, live weight, and the buyers are offering now 3¼c. per lb. for spring market. So the ranchers expect the beef will be 4c. per lb. till spring. Horses sell from \$5 up to \$75. I will say this much that I am not sick of this country yet. We are all doing well. It is a very good chance here for a family to get a home for themselves without very much money, and a man don't need to work all his lifetime to make a farm here like they do in a bush country. I saw men starting in the east in a bush 20 years, yes, 30-years ago, and worked till they were old men and women, and now their children are on the old homestead, and they will have to work hard yet to get the farms in good shape. We can make a farm in good shape in five or six years in this country. People are all doing well in this country—that is, those that will work. Of course, there are people that come to this country, thinking that they can make money without